

Cyber Essentials and CE+ - The UK's Baseline for Cyber Resilience

The majority of cyber breaches exploit simple vulnerabilities such as unpatched software, weak passwords, or misconfigured firewalls.

Cyber Essentials is a UK government-backed certification scheme that helps organisations of all sizes protect themselves against the most common cyber threats. It's not just a badge, it's a baseline for cyber resilience that will help you survive the kinds of attacks happening today.

Why basic security gaps still cause breaches

Many organisations lack foundational cyber hygiene. Without clear standards, even simple threats can lead to serious incidents.

What does Cyber Essentials aim to protect you from?

- Exposure to common cyber threats → Protects against phishing, malware, ransomware, and unauthorised access.
- Lack of basic security hygiene → Establishes a minimum standard across your organisation.
- Compliance pressure → Supports GDPR, Data Protection Act 2018, and other regulatory frameworks.
- Barriers to public sector contracts → Certification is often required to bid for government work.
- Customer trust concerns → Demonstrates your commitment to protecting sensitive data.

How Cyber Essentials strengthens your security

- Reduces risk of common cyber attacks by up to 80%.
- Offers £25,000 of Cyber Liability Insurance.
- Builds trust with clients, partners, and stakeholders.
- Unlocks opportunities in public sector and supply chain contracts.
- Supports insurance eligibility and may reduce premiums.
- Improves internal awareness and security culture.
- Scales easily for SMEs, charities, schools, and large enterprises.

Five Core Controls:

- Firewalls and internet gateways
- Secure configuration
- User access control
- Malware protection
- Security Update Management

Two Certification Levels:

- Cyber Essentials: Self-assessment with external review
- Cyber Essentials Plus: Includes independent technical audit and vulnerability testing

Want to know more?

We'd be happy to walk you through the certification process and help you assess how soon you could get certified.

Talk to our team

